

Memorandum for: The Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1953

1. Reorganization Plan No. 6 is promulgated to reorganize certain functions of the Department of Defense. It became effective on 30 June.

2. The Munitions Board, the Research and Development Board, and the Defense Supply Management Agency are abolished, as is the position of Director of Installations, and their functions are transferred to the Secretary of Defense.

3. Six additional Secretaries of Defense, with such functions as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe, are established.

4. The functions of the new Assistant Secretaries have not yet been officially designated, but they are expected to embrace the following fields:

- a. Legislative Affairs
- b. Health and Medical
- c. Supply and Logistics (including the old functions of the Munitions Board and Defense Supply Management Agency)
- d. Research and Development (including the functions of the old Research and Development Board)
- e. Application Engineering (including Weapons Systems Evaluation, Guided Missiles, Chemical and Biological Warfare)
- f. Properties and Installations (including Construction and Property Management)

5. Reorganization Plan No. 6 provides for the appointment of a General Counsel for the Department of Defense, who shall be the chief legal officer of the Department and receive compensation at the rate prescribed by law for Assistant Secretaries. He must be confirmed by the Senate.

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6. The selection of the Director of the Joint Staff by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and his tenure shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense. The selection of the members of the Joint Staff by the JCS and their tenure shall be subject to the approval of the Chairman of the JCS. The functions of the JCS with respect to managing the Joint Staff and the Director thereof are transferred to the Chairman of the JCS.

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